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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON HORN IN SECRETARY'S 1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19 FOLLOWS IN FULL (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

STABILITY IN HORN OF AFRICA WAS NOTABLY ENHANCED WITH SIGNING IN ADDIS ABABA LAST YEAR OF ACCORD ENDING SUDANESE CIVIL WAR. THE ACCOMPANYING IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN, HIGHLIGHTED BY AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THEIR OLD BORDER DISPUTE, BROUGHT THEM CLOSER THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME SINCE SUDANESE INDEPENDENCE.

WHILE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS IRREDENTIST CLAIMS AGAINST ETHIOPIA, KENYA AND FRENCH TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS, THE DETENTE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS CONTINUED. EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE

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MET WITH SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD IN MOGADISCIO. THERE WERE SIGNS, SUCH AS FRIENDLY RECEPTION GIVEN OUR NEW AMBASSADOR, THAT SOMALIA WISHED IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES DESPITE LINGERING SUSPICIONS.

U. S. RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA REMAINED CORDIAL. OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LAST FISCAL YEAR WAS DOLS 4.4 MILLION, AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS REACHED UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF DOLS 26.7 MILLION. OUR AID IS CONCENTRATED IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION. U. S. GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS ABOUT DOLS 11 MILLION.

THERE WAS 37 PERCENT REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT KAGNEW STATION, THE MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT ASMARA IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA, WITH SOME 1,000 AMERICAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND 1,200 DEPENDENTS REMAINING.

2. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF SECRETARY'S REPORT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH HIGHLIGHT SECTIONS ON TRADE WITH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA.
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